

1. This is the second year Gunnison hosted the first tournament in the Western Slope Pickleball Tournament Series.
  - a. 63 teams participated in gender doubles and mixed doubles.
  - b. This is a 28% growth over last year.
  - c. In addition to the normal western slope participants, we had players from Colorado Springs, Canon City, Ft Collins, Salida, Buena Vista, Pagosa Springs, Casper, WY, Hugoton, KS, and Santé Fe, NM.
  - d. We used 3 courts at the Community Center and 6 courts at Western.
2. Tournament success
  - a. Economic Impact statement is attached.
  - b. The tournament raised \$2500 this year, which added to last year totals about \$3300 to support the grant for outdoor Pickleball courts.
  - c. Organization: It is great when the Community Center and Western combine to offer a truly great product.
    - i. A special thanks to Dan Vollendorf and his staff for their special skills that make this tournament unique and better than most.
    - ii. We received nothing but positive comments about the tournament and many of those comments came from upper level players who travel to a lot of tournaments.
3. State of Pickleball in Gunnison
  - a. As USAPA Pickleball ambassadors, Diane and I have worked to grow the sport in Gunnison.
    - i. Last July, Scott Moore and his son Daniel put on a clinic in Gunnison. Daniel is presently the number one rated player in the world and Scott has more national tournament gold medal wins than can be listed on a multi-page report.
    - ii. Gunnison has hosted round robin days with Montrose, Delta, and Salida players.
    - iii. Local and visiting summer players have taught many lessons to help players improve skills.
    - iv. Last month the first US Open Pro Pickleball tournament finals was televised on CBS Sports in prime time.
  - b. Gunnison players have improved their skills and many are competitive at the mid-levels of play.
    - i. Explain 3.0 to 5.0 ratings
    - ii. We are mostly winning at the 3.0 and 3.5 levels.
    - iii. The upper level of play is growing with a younger group of players. (Greg Salsbury and his son Colton won the 4.0 in the recent Montrose tournament).
4. Issues and opportunities
  - a. Talent spread: The players who have been at the game for a while are getting better. At the same time we are adding new players and they have to learn. More courts and playing times are needed.
  - b. Upper level players are getting younger. These generally are working people who cannot play during the morning times set at the Community Center and Western.
  - c. Many more local people and visitors can participate with outdoor courts.
    - i. Morning to evening play 7 days a week
    - ii. Leagues/ ladders/ round robins for players to join
    - iii. Competitive and recreational play with overlap to insure development
    - iv. More youth participation – place to play after being taught Pickleball in school
5. Master plan for Char Mar Park improvements includes 5 outdoor Pickleball courts
  - a. We have no doubt that this will grow the sport in Gunnison dramatically.
6. Pickleball can give back to Gunnison in revenue: more local and visiting players and a possible second larger tournament.
  - a. See letters attached.
  - b. Every traveler that chooses Gunnison because it has Pickleball in addition to the many reasons to travel to Colorado adds to the revenue base.



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**THANK YOU for welcoming us to your Pickleball group**

1 message

**Mike Baker** <mike@mikebaker.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 6:50 AM

To: daverobertson2309@gmail.com, dr3338@gmail.com

Hi Dave,

Thank you for welcoming my wife Ali and myself to join you playing Pickleball!

As we travel in our motor home, one rather significant factor in making a destination more desirable as a place to stay, is if an area has an active Pickleball group. The activity itself is, of course, very enjoyable, but even more useful to the traveler, is the companionship from the mutual activity. The play functions as an icebreaker and we always quickly establish a relationship with the residents of an area while playing. So far, this has always led to the local residents sharing the best local attractions with us; the places to visit, the areas best avoided (if any). So, besides being great fun and healthy exercise, Pickleball also works as our 'inside scoop' into the communities that we visit. We have a better travel experience and an incentive to stay longer at these communities. We seem to always remember these communities with smiles and with reason to stop again the next time we pass this way. We now have friends in Gunnison!

Best Regards,  
Ali and Mike Baker  
103 Morningside Road  
Ruidoso, NM 88345



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**New outdoor Pickleball courts**

1 message

**Jonathan Jenkins** <jjskier02@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 8:41 PM

To: Richard@cityofgunnison-co.gov

Bcc: dr3338@gmail.com

Dear Mayor Hagan:

We are Gunnison summer snowbirds who spent the past four summers in Gunnison and have enjoyed pickleball at the Rec Center and State College every summer. We love Gunnison and pickleball is what keeps us coming back. Your local Gunny pickleball players as well as your summer pickleball visitors are really welcoming and so much fun to play with.

Because of the popularity of pickleball for us seniors, the courts in Gunnison are a strong attraction.

We applaud Gunnison for their plans in providing outdoor courts for those of us who would come for the summer.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Judie and Jonathan Jenkins  
presently in St George, Utah playing pickleball.

**From:** Judy FairChild <[judyfairchild48@gmail.com](mailto:judyfairchild48@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Gunnison Pickleball Update and your reply needed

**Date:** June 3, 2016 5:06:51 AM MDT

**To:** Judy FairChild <[judyfairchild48@gmail.com](mailto:judyfairchild48@gmail.com)>

Dave and Diane, I just received a note from Carol Greenlee about sending a note to the four council members and mayor. You have my permission to send this or copy a hard copy to send them my support for your efforts... as an out of town player, I, too, enjoy the benefits of your efforts to grow your pickle ball program when I come to Gunnison. Judy Fairchild



Dave Robertson &lt;dr3338@gmail.com&gt;

**Fwd: Battle of the Paddle 2016**

1 message

Cindy Marino <cindy@montroserec.com>  
To: Cindy Marino <cindy@montroserec.com>  
Bcc: dr3338@gmail.com

Mon, Jun 13, 2016 at 12:42 PM

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From: [james.main@cogs.us](mailto:james.main@cogs.us)

Pickleballers. Please pass this along to your pickleball contact lists. This is a new tournament hosted at the beautiful city of Glenwood Springs. It will be three days including the usual and singles events as well. This tournament has been planned for Sept 30-Oct 2 in hopes to catch national attention this year and in the future as the snowbirds make their migration toward the Fall Brawl followed by Nationals. Glenwood Springs makes for a logical stopping point for a great tournament one week prior to the Fall Brawl. With 8 tournament courts, 3 more indoor courts for 3.0 level, 3 practice courts and 3 days of sun as well as evening pickleball under the lights, we hope to see teams signing up from all over the country. We are looking into making this tournament USAPA sanctioned as well as offering prize money for the Men's Open Singles event. Those items are still in the works and may not occur until next year.

Thanks for your help in making this a great event.

*James Main*

Coordinator of Athletics, Fitness, and Wellness

City of Glenwood Springs

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Spring 2016  
Activity Guide

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## **Glenwood Springs**

# **Battle of the Paddle 2016**

## **Pickleball Tournament**

This is going to be the Big One you've been waiting for.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Three days of non-stop Pickleball action that surely will become part of the must-do Pickleball Circuit. Don't miss out as this tournament boasts a central, tourist location perfect for enticing all of the best players from around the region as well as country.



**City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado**

**Parks & Recreation**

Register at [www.glenwoodrec.com](http://www.glenwoodrec.com) Questions? [James.main@cogs.us](mailto:James.main@cogs.us)



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**Come to Glenwood Springs, "The Most Fun Town in the US." And play!**



- **Marriot Residences offer discounts to players and are right across the street from the courts.**
- **Soak in the Hot Springs after playing all day.**
- **Enjoy the Fall colors by taking a ride up to Sunlight.**
- **Hiking, Biking and/or Rafting is right at your fingertips.**
- **RV Parking available**
- **Tournament is the weekend before the Fall Brawl in Utah**

## **General Information for the Fall Brawl 2016**

- \$25 per person entry for single event. \$10 each additional event.
- 8 Outdoor Tournament Courts, 3 Indoor Tournament Courts for 3.0 Level, 3 practice courts.
- Friday starting at 2PM will be Singles Tournament (Men's and Women's Open Singles (49 and Under and Masters Open (50 and above). Courts will be available for practice and we will have a Pickleball Mixer Friday evening under the lights.
- Saturday starting at 8AM will be Men's and Women's Doubles 4.0 and 4.5 and above. 3.5s will be starting at 11AM. 3.0 will be playing on our three indoor courts starting at 9AM.
- Sunday starting at 8AM will be Mixed 4.0 and 4.5. 3.5 Mixed will start at 11AM. 3.0 will start at 9AM on our three indoor courts.
- No refunds for rain outs. Monday will be reserved for rain make-ups.
- Double Elimination Tournament Format with all matches being best 2 out of 3 to 11 points. Lower bracket is one game to 15.
- Our amazing 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Battle of the Paddle Medals will be awarded to all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams.
- Ages 16 and up are welcome.
- All matches will be refereed. All participants will be expected to referee matches. You will earn a ticket for every match refereed and be entered to win prizes including a Paddletec Paddle.
- Several different vendors will be available for food purchases throughout the tournament.
- **Registration deadline is September 21<sup>st</sup>! Questions? [James.main@cogs.us](mailto:James.main@cogs.us)**



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